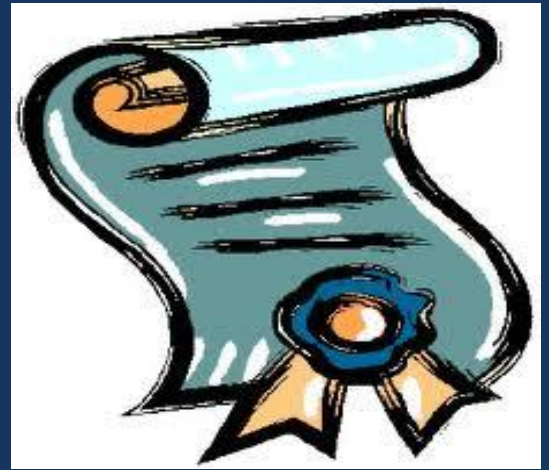


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: January 2011



Transparency and open communication is a vital step to create informed and engaged citizenry. This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council prefile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and will also include



Howard County State legislation. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each proposed bill as well as links to find more details. I hope you find this information helpful and take advantage of this

opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. If you'd like to submit testimony to on Howard County State Legislation, send your testimony via email to hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council APPOINTMENTS

CR8-2011: Introduced by The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joan Becker, Irfan Malik, David A. Marker, Cheryl M. Miller, David Myers, Kevin Rodkey, and Lawrence Walker to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and naming Lawrence Walker as the Chairperson.

To view the resolution, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR8-2011.pdf.

CR9-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION, pursuant to Section 2-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the names of Kent Finkelsen, Paul Gudelski, Wayne Lesonick, and Renee C. Mierczak to be submitted to the Director of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation as nominees for the position of Howard County Supervisor of Assessments.

To view the resolution, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR9-2011.pdf.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

CB4-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox

AN ACT amending an uncodified section in Council Bill No. 14-2007, as amended by Council Bills No. 11-2008, 2-2009, and 62-2009, that required certain connections to the Planned Service Area for water and sewer within a certain time in order to extend the time to make the connections; and providing for the application of this Act.

To view this bill, visit www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB4-2011.pdf

CB5-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at of the County Executive

AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; creating an Office of Transportation within the Department of County Administration; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Transportation; setting forth the general qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; providing that the Administrator of the Office of

Transportation will be an executive exempt position appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer with the approval of the County Executive; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.

To view the bill, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB5-2011.pdf

CR10-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION establishing a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations concerning the Howard County Charter; appointing certain persons to serve on the Commission; appointing a Chairperson; providing for the duties of the Commission including the duty to submit a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Redistricting Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR10-2011.pdf

CR11-2011 Introduced by: Chair and Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to conform to longstanding practices; authorizing the Chairperson to cancel a meeting under specified circumstances; clarifying when the Council is permitted to conduct closed sessions and who may attend such sessions; clarifying that the Chairperson may, but need not, vote; clarifying the way that Administration requests are characterized; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure.

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR11-2011.pdf

CR12-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR12-2011.pdf

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Legislation Session: Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:30pm
- Public Hearing: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30pm
- Work Session: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 4:30pm

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.



Howard County State Legislation APPOINTMENTS

HO.CO.01 (LR0819) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – The Arc of Howard County – Grae Loch Home Renovation. Submitted by Senator James Rovey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$144,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

To view the bill, visit
www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0819.pdf

HO.CO.02 (LR0765) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Troy Regional Park. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

To view the bill, visit
www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0765.pdf

HO.CO.03 (LR0767) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Blandair Regional Park. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

To view the bill, visit,
www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0767.pdf

HO.CO.04 (LR0510) Howard County – Slot Machines – Ownership and Operation by Eligible War Veterans' Organizations. Submitted by Delegate Warren Miller.

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain war veterans' organizations in Howard County to own and operate a certain number of slot machines under certain circumstances; and generally relating to slot machines in Howard County.

To view the bill, visit
www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0510.pdf

HO.CO.05 (LR0568) Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting License. Submitted by Delegate Warren Miller.

FOR the purpose of creating in Howard County a beer, wine and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served under a BWLTL license; setting the annual license fee; authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to implement this Act; increasing the maximum alcohol content of wine that may be served under a beer and wine tasting license to conform with a certain definition of light wine; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

To view the bill, visit
www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0568.pdf

HO.CO.06 (LR0766) Howard County – Hotel Rental Tax Rate. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on certain room rentals in the county; and generally relating to the Howard County sales or use tax on room rentals for sleeping accommodations for transients.

To view the bill, visit

www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0766.pdf

HO.CO.07 (LR0731) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Mount Pleasant Farm House. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the Howard County Conservancy.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

To view the bill, visit

www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0731.pdf

HO.CO.08 (LR0945) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Former Ellicott City Post Office. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$450,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

To view the bill, visit

www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOAPDFs/lr0945.pdf

Thank you for your willingness to remain engaged.

All the best

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"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus." Martin Luther King, Jr.